

drawn pistol in his hand, could not afford to pay any attention to me when Mr. Roberts himself, who is a very large man, advanced to attack him. He drew twice, but that did not check Mr. Roberts' advance, and seeing him still approaching, the coward turned and ran away."

Mrs. Williams was asked regarding a statement that she was alleged to have given chief of Police Woodruff, of Atlantic City, in which she was reported to have said that her husband had not been to Europe at all, but had been in a sanatorium.

"I never said anything of the kind," declared Mrs. Williams emphatically. "Mr. Woodruff has been reported as saying a great many things, and has attributed some statements to me. To this very day I have never even seen Mr. Woodruff. Any interview with me that he has given out would, of course, be a fabric of his own imagination."

"It was said that he had endeavored to suppress the facts concerning the shooting of Mr. Roberts. There is nothing about the whole affair to be concealed. An attempt was made to hold up Mr. Roberts, and in resisting the robber he was shot. Seeking to find another motive, which some newspapers have done, is unfair and cruel to a woman who has no redress. For these things, once spoken, do incalculable harm."

CONDITION CRITICAL

Chances of Ever Getting Statement from Roberts Now Seem Remote.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 31.—The outcome of the heroic fight for life that Charles W. Roberts is making in the City Hospital, the investigation in the baffling circumstances of the boardwalk shooting of last Wednesday night seems to be at a standstill. The chances of securing a statement from the Baltimore-born man seem to be remote. He has talked with relatives and his personal physicians, but to no one else, and it is believed that if he should talk to the authorities at all it would be merely to recite the circumstances of the attack without giving any substantial clue to work upon.

Like all other features of the case, the reports as to Mr. Roberts' condition are conflicting. It was stated that in another week the danger of blood poisoning will be passed. One report to-day said the danger had subsided, while another said his temperature was more nearly normal than at any time since he was shot.

Detective Wilson, of the local police, was sent to Baltimore to inquire into the whereabouts of W. S. C. Williams, the husband of the woman who was with Mr. Roberts on the night of the occurrence, returned here to-day and submitted a detailed verbal report of his investigations to Chief of Police Woodruff and to Captain of Detectives Whelan.

Wilson interviewed Mr. Williams in Baltimore and afterwards visited the Williams place at Long Green, in company with Baltimore detectives. Mr. Williams told him he spent the entire night of Wednesday at his country home. Servants at the place told the same story.

JOHNSON ASSURES BRYAN OF SUPPORT

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aggravate the case still more, the appropriations which the farmers oppose are spent in cities, so that the farmer enjoys few direct benefits from the appropriations, and scarcely any direct benefits.

"Why is it that the Republican party is so much more extravagant in the expenditure of public money? There are two reasons: First, because Republican leaders are more intimately associated with the tax-payers than the tax-payers. They hear the hungry clamor of the men who spend money more than they do the protests of the masses who contribute revenues."

"But there is a second reason: The Republican leaders have taught the doctrine that taxation is a duty, a good. They have tried to cultivate a public opinion to support the idea of tariff taxes on the theory that even when not needed for revenue they are a great advantage to the protected interests and an indirect advantage to the whole country. It is not strange that people who consider taxation a blessing would be inclined to make the tax as large as possible."

"The Democratic party is in a position to bring reform in the matter of expenditures. It believes that a tax is defensible only when necessary, and that it should be reduced to the lowest limits consistent with good government. Our party is pledged to reduction in appropriations and to economy in every department of government, and our position ought to appeal with special force to those of our people who are engaged in agriculture."

EASTERN MANAGER

Announcement of Appointment Expected from Headquarters To-Day.

NEW YORK, August 31.—In the quest for manager of the Eastern Democratic campaign, consideration has narrowed itself down to two or three well known Eastern Democrats, and it is believed the appointment will be made known to-morrow.

Representative Talbot, of Maryland, national committeeman from that State, talked with Chairman Mack to-day about the general situation in Maryland.

Mr. Talbot told the chairman that Maryland was in no sense a doubtful State, and would cast its electoral vote for Bryan. John L. Tomlinson, head of the bureau of club organization, leaves on Wednesday for Baltimore to arrange for the organization of Democratic clubs in Maryland. Mr. Tomlinson to-night made known the appointment of Roger S. Hoar, of Cambridge, Mass., as chairman of the national committee on college clubs, organizations which will include the following Southern members: F. H. Western, South Carolina; H. H. Wallace, Athens, Ga.; M. T. Ormond, Alabama; A. A. Murphy, Florida; Luke Lea, Tennessee; C. Irving Carey, Virginia; R. E. L. Easer, Texas; Joshua W. Herring, Maryland; and J. W. Swartz, Oklahoma.

The committeemen for college organization in the other States will be announced to-morrow.

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Zodiac sign, the scales. This is the month when Cupid shows the results of his summer's work. Here are Frook Coats cut in the new style, Silk Hats, White Waistcoats, and all the dress accessories for groom, best man and all the other men.

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MEN & BOYS' OUTFITTERS

nounced from the Chicago and Denver headquarters. Mr. Tomlinson said to-night that the college committee would organize Democratic college clubs in university centers and arouse interest in the Democratic cause in collegiate circles.

William J. Connors, chairman of the Democratic State committee, issued a call for Democratic club organizations in every voting precinct in the State. Mr. Connors said he still believes that Lieutenant-Governor Chas. E. Smith is the strongest candidate for Governor, but the State convention would doubtless be guided in its selection of candidates by the state put up by the Republicans.

William J. Bryan will write each week until election a letter to be sent to every precinct Democratic club in the country, giving advice and suggestions as to the campaign. The novel feature of a presidential struggle was made known to-day by John L. Tomlinson, head of the bureau of club organizations of the Democratic National Committee, who is now in this city organizing Democratic clubs throughout the Eastern States. The plan of organizing the Democratic clubs in voting precincts was devised by Mr. Bryan. Colonel Henry Watterson and National Committeeman Josephus Daniels of North Carolina, held a conference to-day at the headquarters of the literary and publicity department. Mr. Daniels has just returned from an extended trip through the Middle West, which he declares will undoubtedly be for Mr. Bryan.

"The Republicans are laboring under a mistaken idea this year that the farmer vote can be counted for Taft," said Mr. Daniels to-day. "But from reports received and from what I have observed, there is a strong Democratic drift in all the country districts. The cities are, of course, safely Democratic. I do not believe the Socialists will make any gains this year, though if gains are made they will undoubtedly affect the Republican vote."

The campaign book will be out on Saturday.

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS Association in New York Is Revived and Will Support Ticket.

NEW YORK, August 31.—The Association of Southern Democrats, composed of former residents of the South now living in New York, which was organized in 1892 in the presidential campaign of 1892, was reorganized to-day to campaign for the Democratic presidential ticket among Southerners in New York. General H. T. Douglas was elected president; John C. Calhoun, John C. Breckinridge, Harvey Watterson, Lewis Nixon, and James W. Swan, vice-presidents; Phelan Beal, treasurer, and Major Edward Owen, secretary. The legislative committee elected was as follows: J. N. Williams, Wm. Moore, A. A. Telford, E. L. Aukell, J. G. Rossman, James W. Dean, Martin W. Littleton, E. B. Wilson, Rev. R. J. Walker, Burton Thompson, Dr. G. H. Hargis, Henry Waugh, W. S. Kelly, William Heppner Russell, Colonel C. C. Wilson, Colonel J. R. Branch, William Hannan Black.

TAFT A LUCKY ANGLER Catches Three Fish, and His Son, Charlie, Takes Another.

MIDDLE BASS ISLAND, O., August 31.—Judge Taft caught three black bass this morning and Charlie caught a pickerel. No one else of the entire family of enterprising anglers got a single strike.

After practically deciding to go to-morrow to Fort Meigs, near Toledo, Mr. Taft abandoned the project to-night for the reason that the transportation problem is so complicated that the trip would be a tedious one.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Tuesday, except showers in extreme southeast portion; Wednesday, light to fresh northeast to east winds.

North Carolina—Fair Tuesday, except showers near the coast, with fresh to brisk northeast winds; Wednesday fair.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

8 A. M. temperature	62
Humidity	82
Wind, direction	SE
Wind, velocity	10
Weather	Clear
12 noon temperature	69
3 P. M. temperature	70
Maximum temperature up to 5 P. M.	70
Minimum temperature	56
Mean temperature	66
Normal temperature	68
Efficiency in temperature to-day	7
Excess in temperature since March 1st	69
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1st	25
Excess in rainfall since March 1st	9.52
Accum. excess in rainfall since January 1st	11.69

COND. IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Temp.	Wind	Weather
Asheville	70	SE	Clear
Augusta	76	SE	Clear
Atlanta	76	SE	Clear
Buffalo	80	SE	Cloudy
Chicago	86	SE	Cloudy
Cincinnati	86	SE	Clear
Davenport	82	SE	Rain
Detroit	76	SE	Clear
Hattiesburg	76	SE	Clear
Savannah	76	SE	Clear
Norfolk	70	SE	Rain
Wilmington	72	SE	Rain
Yellowstone	56	SE	Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
Sun rises... 5:40
Sun sets... 6:40
Moon sets... 11:10
September 1, 1908.
HIGH TIDE.
Morning... 8:51
Evening... 8:51

A MERCHANT PHILANTHROPIST

The largest merchandise store in all the Williams Valley is that of James Craig, of Harrison, Oregon. And Mr. Craig is not only a big merchant, he is a philanthropist as well. He takes great interest in the welfare of his neighbors, as this letter will show:

Office of James Craig, General Merchandise, Silverton, Ore., Sept. 1, 1908.
JNO. J. HUGGETT, Gentlemen: I would like to send me a bunch of your pamphlets. I can send lots of customers to our local drug store for Bright's Disease, due to the following: The local physicians gave a young lady an interesting letter. Before she had finished two she was out driving, and to-day is teaching school in Arizona. I have been very busy with lots of talking for you this past four years, and a good many of my customers who have that I am writing this is that another one wants to start taking the Compound, and wants to read up on your letter. Yours truly, JAMES CRAIG.

Did you ever hear of anything else in all the world that has so effectively cured Bright's Disease and Diabetes as now curable in about 87 per cent. of all cases by Fulton's Compound? It is sold by J. H. J. Fulton Co., 5910 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal., or to Owens & Minor Drug Co., Richmond, Va.

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There is another record, in which Mr. Taft takes credit, as Governor of the Republican Party, saying that "the strongest hopes of returning good times are based on the business which the farmers' crops are to afford."

Taft's Idea of Humor

He Cares Some of It for the Dear People Who Vote. Two more of the speeches of Mr. Taft have been put into the photograph for reproduction—"Irish Humor" and "The Farmer and the Republican Party." The latter has been duplicated into many records for general distribution throughout the country. Mr. Taft's humor" the record says for Mr. Taft.

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CLEAN UP THE DISTRICT

Mr. Chaffin Declares This Will Be First Thing If He Is Elected.

SPOKANE, WASH., August 31.—Bugsy W. Chaffin, prohibition candidate for the presidency, in a speech delivered here to-night, said that one of the first things he would do after inauguration would be to "clean up" the District of Columbia.

"There are few worse cities in the world," he said. "There are few with a viler lot of gambling dens or a worse record of vice. What is called 'The Division' is run wild almost within sight of the Capitol and the White House. The last one of the different species of dens will have to close, even the one patronized almost exclusively by members of Congress. All are in violation of the law, and the President has ample power to act."

HELD BACK BY DAM, WATER CUTS WAY

brook, Second and River Streets has been suspended a week by reason of water in River Street.

"That the Norfolk and Western will build a new passenger station in this city is now a certainty. Renewed efforts, it is stated, will be made to induce the Norfolk and Western to unite in building a handsome station at some point convenient to them all."

So heavy is the freight traffic, in particular, over the Norfolk and Western, and so serious has been the interruption to this traffic for a week past, in consequence of the flood, that the talk of a belt line around the city has been renewed.

Channel Presents a Problem.

The new cut in the flood is about 100 yards in length, running across Second Street, on the south side of the river proper, and between the station and the Coast Line and two cut bridges. It requires a vast deal of work and money to make a new river back to the old, if such work should be deemed advisable. Indeed, this new channel is of such formidable proportions that as yet what to do with it has not been decided. All efforts are now directed to draining it, and confining the water within safe limits.

When the flood struck Petersburg the government work on the diversion channel had not proceeded sufficiently far for the new channel to accommodate the immense volume of water. The result was that with the high dam backing up the river, the pressure of the water naturally sought an outlet along the lines of least resistance and made a new channel for the river. The great problem is now going down the new channel around the dam and back into the harbor several hundred feet below the dam.

Major Kuhn, United States engineering corps, of Norfolk, is now at Petersburg to study the effects of the flood on the government work and report to Washington.

RELIEF WORK EFFECTIVE

Bread Reaching Augusta by Railroad—Thousands Are Fed.

AUGUSTA, GA., August 31.—With representatives of the United States Army to assist in the work and direct the distribution of provisions to the needy, work of relief is progressing rapidly and effectively. Captain Huget, of the Department of Gulf of the United States Army, will probably finish his work here to-morrow.

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